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PARIMUTUEL WAGERS ON FUTURE RACES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Drawings

Please approve deleting original FIG. 13 and adding substitute FIG. 13 which is attached hereto.

REMARKS

Applicants have proposed deleting original FIG. 13 and adding substitute FIG. 13 in order to correct a clerical error in this case. When filing the above-referenced patent application, the applicants inadvertently filed a FIG. 13 from another patent

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application. No new matter would be added by deleting original FIG. 13 and adding substitute FIG. 13.

The following is quoted from paragraph 110 on page 47 of the specification in order to show that new FIG. 13 is clearly supported and justified by the application as filed:

FIG. 13 is a flowchart of illustrative steps that may be involved in associating future races with the user for the purpose of notifying the user of relevant race information. The future races may be associated with the user based on the user's past wagers on events, past orders for races as pay-per-view events, or based on any other suitable method. The interactive wagering application may monitor the user activity at step 1302. At step 1304, the interactive wagering application may create and store (e.g., on memory and storage device 54 of FIG. 2) a user profile for the purpose of comparing future races with monitored user interests at step 1306. When a future race becomes available for wagering, the interactive wagering application may check the user profile to determine whether a match exists with the available race at step 1308. If no match exists, then the interactive wagering application may not post the future race information to the user and continue to monitor and compare the future events with the user profile. If future races match interests or prior actions stored in the user profile, the interactive wagering application may post the future races to the user, for example, on the user's message board (as shown in display screen 1200 of FIG. 12) at step 1310. The user may access his or her message board to retrieve future race information and determine whether he or she is interested in participating in the future race wagering pool.

Pursuant to MPEP § 608.02(r), this amendment is also set forth in a separate Letter to Official Draftsperson which is being filed concurrently herewith.

Accordingly, prompt entry of the proposed amendment of
the drawings is respectfully requested.

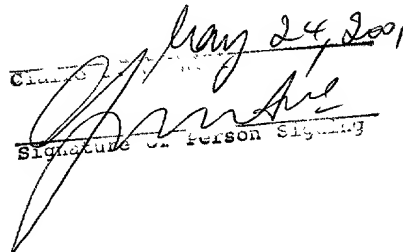
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